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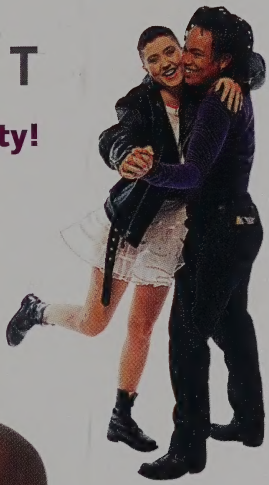

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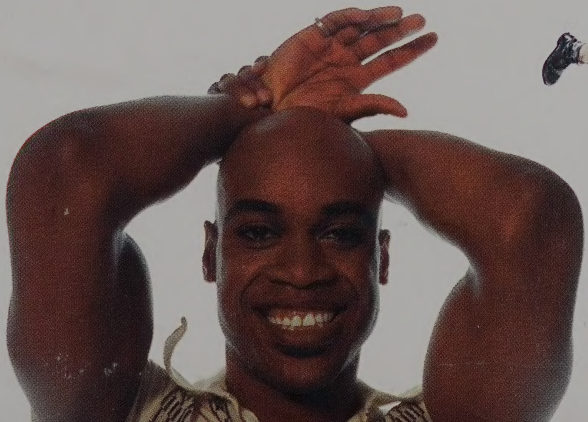

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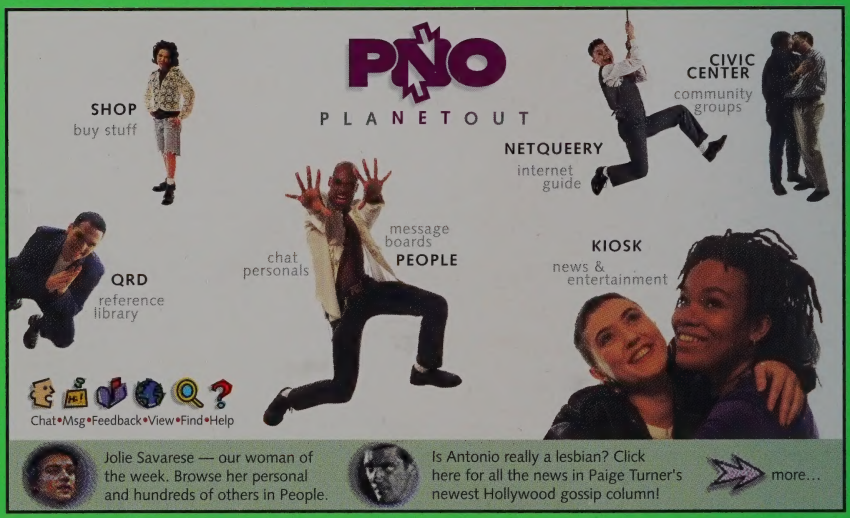

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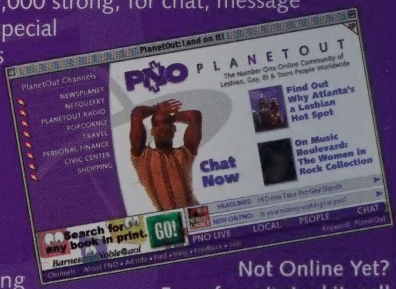

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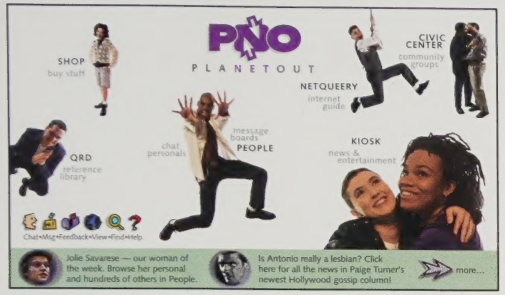

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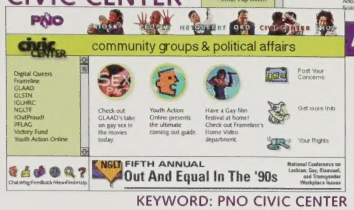

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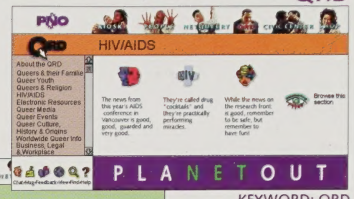

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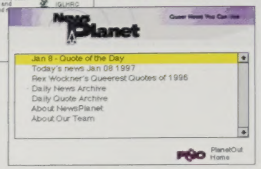

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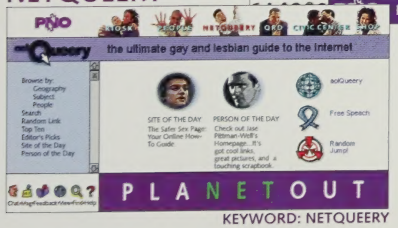

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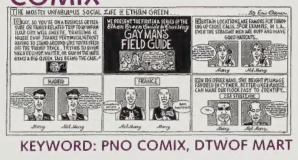

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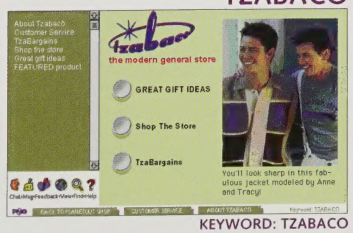
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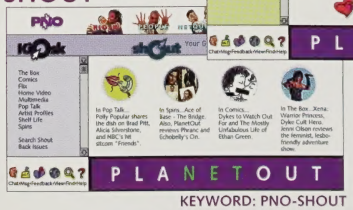

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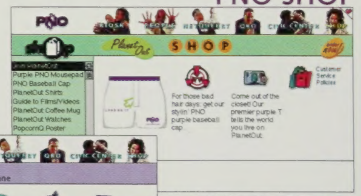

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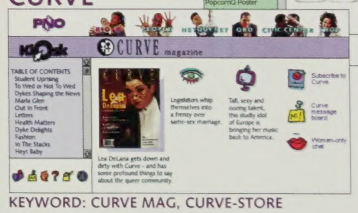

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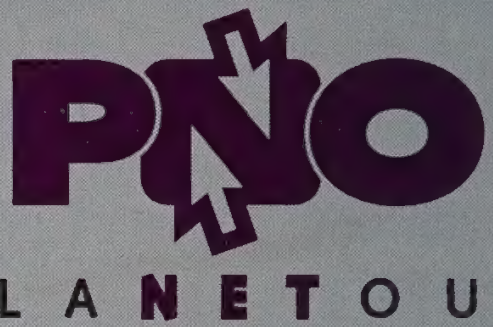

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Our community is for you: gay people and your families and friends. PNO includes a cafe, a library, a civic center, a collection of boutiques and much more.

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Get involved in the Civic Center. Get informed about coming out, spirituality, or HIV/AIDS in the Queer Resources Directory. Explore every gay resource on AOL and the Web using NetQueery, our terrific new Internet directory.

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PlanetOut was founded by Tom Rielly, who also founded Digital Queers (DQ). Our team also includes acclaimed filmmaker and archivist Jenni Olson; and Ron Buckmire, founder of the Internet's Queer Resources Directory.

Virtually all of our PNO staffers are also committed community activists, involved in a variety of queer or HIV nonprofit groups including Frameline, GLAAD, This Way Out, Infoqueer.Org, Youth Action Online, and the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

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"[PlanetOut] will set a new standard for gay life online."
–*Out Magazine*

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"Rating: (out of 5)
Overall: ★★★★★
Content: ★★★★★
Design: ★★★★★
Personality: ★★★★★"
–*NetGuide*

"A quick fix for queer flicks."
–*Hotwired*

"Two snaps up!"
–*Time Out New York*

"The scope of the site is awe-inspiring."
–*Film Finders*

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–*Yahoo!*

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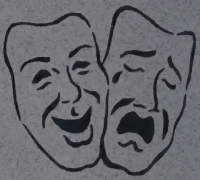

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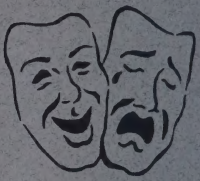

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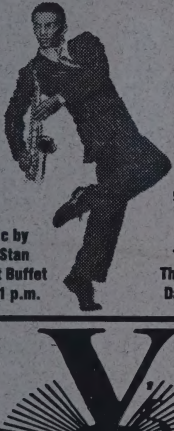

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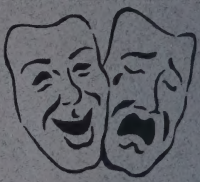

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